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MU Thundering Word now 3-time state champion

By JORDAN BEAN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Thundering Word speech and debate team is now three-time forensics state champions after a win this past weekend at the 2013 West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Championship.

The tournament took place on the campus of West Virginia University Parkersburg. Marshall reached the final round in 43 of the 45 individual slots that team members were

entered in and won first place in every individual event, second in ten of the events and third in eight events.

The team dominated the rest of the state in the competition, and rounding out the top four were WVU-Parkersburg, Alderson Broaddus and Fairmont State.

Victoria Ledford, a junior honors pre-med chemistry major from Braxton, W.Va., was the overall individual tournament champion.

"This tournament was so much fun for our team," Ledford said. "It feels

good to be the best in the state. I was really pleased with my second place in persuasion because the top two in each state qualify for the Interstate Oratorical Association Tournament this April. Overall, the tournament was a nice confidence boost before nationals."

The Thundering Word will compete next in the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in March and the NFA national tournament in April, which will be hosted by Marshall University.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Marshall University Thundering Word speech and debate team after their win at WVU Parkersburg, Saturday.

New Degree Qualification Profile accreditation program introduced at Marshall

By JESSICA PATTERSON
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University is finding a new way to discover what makes its degrees unique.

The university was selected to participate in a 20-member group through the Higher Learning Commission in 2011.

Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs, said the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association is Marshall's regional accreditor.

"It authorizes us to offer our academic programming according to certain standards and expectations," Ormiston said.

Marshall President Stephen Kopp said without the accreditation, a university could not operate.

Ormiston said the group of institutions is testing the Degree Qualifications Profile.

Ormiston said the Degree Qualifications Profile is an accreditation program based on a set of learning outcomes created across five areas of instruction for associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. These areas include integrative thinking, critical thinking, specialized learning and civic engagement.

Ormiston said the university has modified course syllabi to include learning outcomes so students will be able to know if they achieved them.

"The idea is that students will have the opportunity, and should have the opportunity, to know exactly what the learning objectives are for every course that they take," Ormiston said.

The Degree Qualifications Profile is just getting underway.

"We're pioneering a new accreditation process for the Higher Learning Commission," Kopp said.

Ormiston said Marshall is in its second year of working on the project and the university has been able to change some of its learning outcomes and assessment projects and show where the changes have been made and how they will benefit students.

"I think we are very lucky to have been invited to participate in this," Ormiston said.

Kopp said there has been progress in adjusting the learning outcomes.

"The process we've made, I think, has been outstanding," Kopp said. "We've had tremendous participation by all of the academic units."

Ormiston said Marshall was selected as the institution for a research project through a group called public agenda, which interviewed students involved in the Degree Qualifications Profile.

"Anytime that a university can receive national recognition for its programming, it's very beneficial to the university," Ormiston said. "It's very helpful to get the Marshall name out there."

Kopp said the fulfillment of the outcomes will help students prepare for the future.

"Those outcomes will manifest the ability of students to think more critically, meet the expectations of employers, faculty, and the program outcomes of the major," Kopp said. "You can actually point to it and say that if a student has finished this major, these are the things they have developed proficiency with, and we can document that proficiency."

Kopp said he thinks every institution should ask themselves what a degree from their programs means. He said you often see model students who have excelled, but Kopp said he wants the Degree Qualifications Profile to make example students out of all students.

"It doesn't matter if you finish the top of the class or the bottom of the graduation class," Kopp said. "What is it we can say about you and being able to demonstrate your time toward completing your degree — that is representative of what a Marshall education is all about."

Representatives from Marshall will meet with other members of its group this week in Illinois to share the university's progress.

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FIGHTING ANOREXIA

Marshall's Women's Center brings awareness to anorexia

By CAITLIN KINDER-MUNDAY
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Women's Center sponsored a discussion regarding "The Truth about Pro-Anorexia" as part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

Around 40 students gathered in Room BE5 in the Memorial Student Center, Monday for the presentation.

Kelsey Chapman and Briana McElfish, graduate assistants at the Women's Center, presented and fielded questions during the discussion. It was encouraged that students and attendees intersect throughout, further examining the topics discussed.

The presentation explored the growing number of pro-anorexia websites popping up on the internet. The sites advocate for anorexia and other eating disorders as a way of life.

The sites often fall into three categories — websites advocating for anorexia as a lifestyle choice is the first wave and the other two types recognize anorexia and other EDs as diseases, yet the distinction between the two is whether recovery is an option.

One student brought up the point that society still deems women as beautiful when they are scarcely thin after viewing a slideshow of photos pulled from pro-anorexia websites.

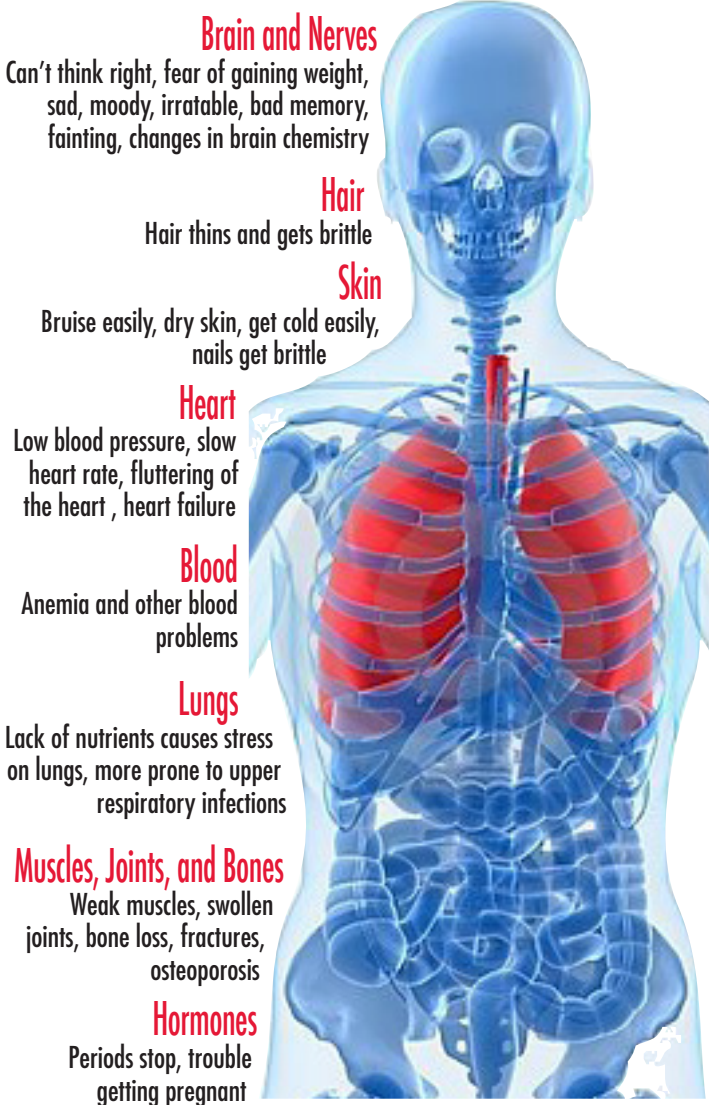
McElfish said pro-anorexia sites are dangerous. The sites are provocative, which causes them to be very influential.

"We live in a culture that shames obesity and rewards thinness, even when it's sickly," McElfish said.

Chapman discussed why females and males visit these sites. People who suffer from eating disorders often feel alone and isolated.

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Anorexia affects the entire body



Through with Chew Week kicks off, brings awareness to the effects of smokeless tobacco

By SHANE BIAS
THE PARTHENON

Through With Chew Week was last week and was put on by Marshall University Student Health.

Through With Chew Week is a week dedicated to raising awareness of the negative effects associated with smokeless tobacco.

J.R. Sheppard, graduate student in exercise science, said he had been chewing tobacco for about three years.

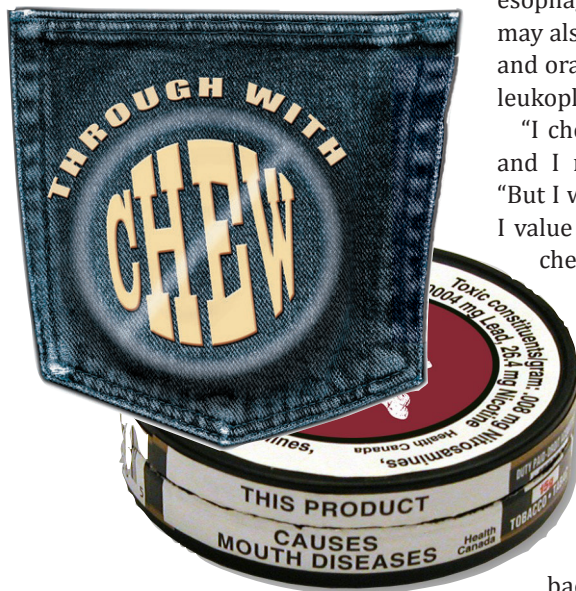
"I first started to chew about three years ago to help me cope with stress," Sheppard said.

According to The National Cancer Institute, smokeless tobacco is tobacco that is not burned. It is also known as chewing tobacco, spit or spitting tobacco, dip, chew and snuff.

Jason Soo Hoo, a member of a national Through With Chew team, said smokeless tobacco is not a safe replacement for cigarettes.

"Smokeless tobacco can make you addicted quicker because it contains more nicotine than cigarettes," Soo Hoo said.

Sheppard said he was starting to have problems with his heart and health so he



decided to stop cold turkey.

Soo Hoo said using smokeless tobacco could lead to many other problems.

"Using smokeless tobacco could lead to many types of cancers and problems," Soo Hoo said.

According to the National Cancer Institute, smokeless tobacco causes oral cancer,

esophageal cancer and pancreatic cancer. It may also cause, heart disease, gum disease and oral lesions other than cancer, such as leukoplakia or white patches in the mouth.

"I chewed about a can and a half a day and I really do miss it," Sheppard said. "But I will not go back to chewing because I value my life and health way more than chew."

Soo Hoo said he joined the Through With Chew organization to help spread the word about the negative effects of smokeless tobacco.

"I joined Through With Chew because I noticed the importance of informing my peers of the bad effects of smokeless tobacco and what it could do to you," Soo Hoo said. "It has truly been a life changing experience and I enjoy spreading the word of how much smokeless tobacco hurts you."

The NCI offers a free smoking quit line, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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MU Board of Governors discuss potential budget cuts

By TAYLOR STUCK
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The Marshall University Board of Governors met Monday in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center to examine the looming budget cuts from the state.

Marshall President Stephen Kopp announced in his report to the Governors that the university is not facing a 7.5 percent budget cut as West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin proposed in his State of the State address. Rather, the university, along with other public higher education institutions,

will face an 8.94 percent cut in state appropriations.

For the university alone, this equals \$5.11 million in reductions. Including the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and other university involvements, the reductions total \$6.5 million, according to Kopp.

The cuts to the university's budget would impact tuition by \$700 if the whole deficit were shifted to tuition. Kopp said the potential raise was something he was very unsettled by.

"This is cost shifting, pure and simple," Kopp said. "We are taking it from public support,

of a public university, and we are privatizing that support to individual students and their families, who we are encouraging to pursue a higher education."

Marshall is currently supported 27 percent by the state, but the proposed budget cut would decrease it to between 22 percent and 24 percent supported.

Board secretary Michael Sellards said he questioned when Marshall goes from being a public university to private.

"What's the definition of a public institution if you are

down 26 percent or less in public support?" Sellards said.

Kopp said what is forgotten is that Marshall has a mission to serve the public of West Virginia but he feared these potential cuts could undermine that mission.

"This university operates very efficiently and we are always looking for ways to reduce costs and to increase productivity because that is the responsible thing for anybody in an administration position, or anybody in a position at this university, to do," Kopp said. "We understand you can only spend a dollar once."

Board member Dale Lowther said there was no surplus in the budget, as some seem to believe.

"If we had the money, we wouldn't be going out of here and borrowing money on bonds to do things," Lowther said. "So if anyone questions our budget, please have them contact me because I want them to show me the surplus."

Kopp said he believed there were other ways for the state to reduce their budget without making cuts to higher education.

"The challenge we have before

us is to see if we can't influence, by advocacy, a more reasoned approach to what is going on here," Kopp said. "I can't find a justification for why the \$75 million reduction in the \$4 billion budget of the state is necessary and why 46 percent of that reduction needs to be carried by higher education. I can't reconcile that."

Board member Joseph Touma urged everyone to contact the governor and governor's office to voice their concern for public higher education.

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Sigma Sigma Sigma hosts annual Chilifest for charity

By COURTNEY DOTSON
THE PARTHENON

Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma will host their annual Chilifest this week.

The Chilifest will be at the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority house, Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to Sigma Sigma Sigma national Philanthropy, The Foundation.

The Foundation raises and distributes funds to aid terminally ill children and their families. The foundation also raises money for supporting play therapy programs for hospitalized children.

Devon DiFlippo, sorority member, said she has been

involved with Chilifest for three years.

"Every year it reminds me how important it is to give back to the community as well as our philanthropy," DiFlippo said. "I love working with my sisters to put the event together and cannot wait to see how our hard work has paid off this year."

Most of the materials to make the chili are donated by local distributors. The chili is hand made and served by Sigma Sigma Sigma members.

"Through this event, Sigma Sigma Sigma hopes to reach out to members of the Greek community, Marshall University students and administration,

as well as the Huntington area as a whole," Erica Rittenhouse, public relations and fundraising chair, said.

This year, Sigma Sigma Sigma has reached out to important members of the Marshall community such as President Stephen Kopp, Dean of Student Affairs Steve Hensley, Athletic Director Mike Hamrick and Student Body President Ray Harrell Jr.

Sigma Sigma Sigma is hoping for a large turnout and hope to raise as much money as possible to support their philanthropy.

Rittenhouse said Chilifest is something the sorority looks forward to every year.

"This year, a lot of work went into spreading the word about Chilifest and doing general PR, not just towards the Greek Community but toward Marshall University as a whole," Rittenhouse said. "Our slogan and logo this year, 'Make it Hot', can be found on our tickets, flyers and even our t-shirts."

Rittenhouse said she hopes to create a recognizable logo that the entire campus would associate with Chilifest and that she is looking forward to carrying out the event.

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National Student Exchange offers North American collegiate trade-off

By COURTNEY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

Studying at another university or college across the United States may seem impossible to students, but the Marshall University National Student Exchange organization gives students the chance to study at participating colleges or universities all over the country.

The NSE offers global diversity and education on other college campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

According to the NSE website, more than 100,000 students have participated in the program since 1968.

To participate in the event, students must meet the program's requirements of good academic, financial and social standing along with a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Christopher Atkins, coordinator of the NSE, said there are no hidden fees with the program it is transparent.

"The main perk of the program is cost," Atkins said. "Marshall participates in the National Student Exchange by enrolling students in 12 hours at Marshall University allowing us to generate the typical bill that they receive from Marshall. It also allows their tuition and fees to be processed and allows their financial aid to go through."

When students study at another university or college they become responsible for their own room and board and travel cost.

Atkins said students are not paying room and board to Marshall when they are on an exchange — therefore it becomes a trade off.

Participating in the exchange is a simpler process earlier in a student's college career. Atkins said he would not able to guarantee specific courses while the student is on the exchange.

"As far as who is best to participate, it is really open to anybody," Atkins said. "I follow the scenario of the earlier the better. I cannot guarantee any specific courses while students are away. So, if a student wants to exchange their sophomore year, there are still lots of general education requirements that they need. However, if we wait until their junior or senior year, that's when it can get difficult."

Destiny Gleason, junior criminal justice and French major, said the most difficult part during the exchange process was deciding which college to pick from.

"I decided to participate when I saw a poster, for the NSE, about an informational meeting," Gleason said. "I decided after the meeting that I really wanted to apply. I think it is a great way to meet new people, be in a different college environment and have experiences that I will always remember. Here in Puerto Rico, I have met other exchange students from all over the U.S. and the other parts of the world and it has really been a great experience."

Last year's exchange involved 15 applications and students were sent to a variety of locations like Alaska, Arizona, California, North Carolina and Puerto Rico.

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Student Resource Center helps with midterm stress

By COURTNEY BROWN
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Student Resource Center is offering the program "Avoid a Midterm Meltdown" to prepare students for midterms and avoid the stress that accompanies them.

Located on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center, the event will have two sessions Wednesday at noon and 2 p.m.

Midterms are the first major test of the semester and can cause stress for some students.

Sarah Craiger, resource specialist, said they will offer learning style assessment tools for student's learning style, creating a study plan and curbing test anxiety.

"A brief learning style assessment will be provided so that students can capitalize on the best learning style strategies for them," Craiger said.

The staff of the SRC wants to prepare students for success on their midterms and reduce stress over taking the test.

Craiger said about 75 students on Marshall's campus have seen the event.

"This event is always successful," Craiger said. "We've done it for classrooms, floors in the residence halls and for students that drop in our office."

Marshall students who are stressing over their midterms have the chance to learn strategies to help them alleviate their stress.

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Many economists in survey see 'sequestration' as unavoidable

By DON LEE
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

With just a few days to go before new government spending cuts are set to take effect, what are the chances that another eleventh-hour action will avert the latest impending hit to the economy?

Very little, according to a survey of economists released Monday by the National Association for Business Economics. The group said that nearly 60 percent of economists now expect "sequestration," which will slice about \$85 billion from the federal budget, to begin March 1 in full or partial form.

The survey of 49 professional economists, representing industry, government and universities, indicates that experts don't see a recession scenario as a result of the new spending cuts, as they did the "fiscal cliff" of tax increases and fiscal reductions, which were mostly avoided at the last minute at the start of this

year.

More than half of these economists predicted that the effects of sequestration and other budget uncertainties would shave economic growth by less than half a percentage point this year. Another one-third said the pain would be greater, with real gross domestic product, or total economic output, sliced by up to a full percentage point.

Either way, that's no small number given the mediocre pace of GDP growth since the Great Recession of a little more than 2 percent on average. And many economists, policymakers and business people across the country have expressed fears that the indiscriminate nature of the cuts under sequestration will impose unnecessary hardships on certain programs such as Head Start for preschool children.

Total government spending and investments are now seen as falling by 1 percent this year from 2012, according to the median, or

mid-point, of the responses from the economists surveyed. That is worse than the 0.6 percent drag forecast in the association's survey in December.

Real GDP is expected to expand by 2 percent this year, down a bit from the 2.2 percent GDP growth in 2012. The nation is projected to add 170,000 jobs a month on average, down from 181,000 last year, according to the median value of responses. That should bring down the unemployment rate gradually, to 7.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013 from 7.9 percent at the start of this year.

Economists, however, see economic growth accelerating next year as the nation absorbs the fiscal spending cuts and benefits from the housing market recovery and a pickup in business investments. Real GDP is seen as growing by almost 3 percent in 2014, the survey said, and the unemployment rate is forecast to fall to 7 percent by the end of next year.

Pope Benedict XVI changes rules to allow quicker selection of successor

By HENRY CHU
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Pope Benedict XVI paved the way Monday for cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church to gather earlier than usual to elect his successor if they choose to do so after he steps down later this week.

Benedict amended the Vatican's rules governing when cardinals are supposed to start meeting to select a new pontiff, usually

between 15 and 20 days once the office becomes vacant. The new rules allow the cardinals to assemble earlier than that if all those eligible to vote for a new pope are present.

The change could facilitate the naming of Benedict's successor in time for him to preside over Holy Week celebrations leading up to Easter Sunday, which falls on March 31.

The previous rule was

designed mostly to give cardinals from around the world time to converge on Rome after a pope's death. But Benedict's surprise announcement that he would resign has allowed the "princes" of the church to begin arriving here before his papacy ends Thursday; most of the cardinals are expected to be on hand for him to bid them farewell on his final day.

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EAST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
MEMPHIS	13	0	24	3
SOUTHERN MISS	10	3	21	7
UCF	8	5	18	9
EAST CAROLINA	7	6	15	10
UAB	5	7	13	14
MARSHALL	5	8	12	15

SPORTS

WEST DIVISION	C-USA		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UTEP	7	5	14	12
TULSA	6	7	14	13
TULANE	6	6	18	9
HOUSTON	4	8	15	10
SMU	3	9	13	14
RICE	1	11	5	21



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Herd softball wraps up weekend with .500 day

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The Marshall softball team splits the day with a 7-2 loss to the host team, UNC Greensboro, and their first shutout win of the season against Drexel, 4-0.

The Thundering Herd's senior Jazmine Valle (2-for-3) registered the first hit on two outs in the first inning, bringing freshman Katalin Lucas (1-for-4) to the plate. Lucas singled to right field, but was caught stealing for the third out of the inning.

Senior Andi Williamson retired the first three hitters in the Spartans' lineup, but UNCG's redshirt-junior Raeanne Hanks was prepared to battle. After an interference automatic out at second base, Hanks sent two members of the Marshall hitting staff back to the dugout with strikeouts to end the top of the second inning.

Spartans' senior Eileen Horsmon (1-for-3) doubled to right center, putting herself in scoring position. Horsmon rounded the bases to score the first run of the game off of senior Heather Robb 's (1-for-1) single to right.

Marshall's senior Ashley Gue (2-for-3) hit up the middle to get on base with one out on the board in the top of the third. Senior Bri Anna Hope reached on a fielder's choice, and a throwing error by the pitcher allowed Gue to advance to second.

A fielder's choice would force Gue back to the dugout, move Hope to second and put Valle on first. UNCG's Hanks would close the top of the inning with a strikeout, keeping The Herd off the board for another inning.

UNCG rallied in the bottom of the third, with junior Aisha Figueroa's (1-for-4) one-out single to third base. Freshman Danielle Vega (1-for-3) put Figueroa in scoring position with a hit to left center. Spartans' pinch runner Allison Geiner and Figueroa both advanced bases on a wild pitch.

UNCG's Lindsay Thomas (1-for-2) drew a walk from Williamson, loading the bases for junior Katelyn Bedwell (1-for-3), who singled to left for an RBI. Horsmon reached on a fielder's choice that prevented Geiner from scoring. Robb drew a walk from Williamson, allowing Thomas to score. Spartans' junior pinch hitter Toni Mac-Reynolds doubled to left center, bringing all runners around the bases to stretch the UNCG lead 6-0 with two outs on the board.

Marshall's freshman pitcher Halie Vance was substituted in for Williamson, and a fly out to center field ended the five-run inning.

The Spartans' defense worked quick for a 1-2-3 outing. The bottom of the fourth started with UNCG's Dominique Madruga's single to left center, but was out at second with a fielder's choice that put her teammate Figueroa on first.

Figueroa stole second, allowing herself to be in scoring position. Vega's grounder to first would put two outs on the board for UNCG, bringing Thomas to the plate. The freshman catcher brought Figueroa home with a double to the right side, but a Bedwell ground out to third would end the inning for the Spartans.

Marshall and UNCG were kept off the scoreboard through the fifth and sixth inning, and despite the two-run double by Valle in the top of the seventh the Herd fell to the Spartans with a final 7-2 score.

The Thundering Herd kept Drexel scoreless through seven innings. Williamson had seven strikeouts before the fifth and ended the game with a total of 13.

In the bottom of the third Alexandra Bayne and Kristina Braxton (1-for-2) were walked, giving Marshall an early edge with no outs registered. Gue (1-for-3) reached on a fielder's choice forcing Bayne out at second. Hope (1-for-1) singled through the left side, moving the runners over and bringing Valle to the plate.

The Herd's senior third baseman hit a SAC fly that put Marshall's first run of the game on the scoreboard.

Marshall scored the rest of the runs in the bottom of the fifth inning with two outs, beginning with a Gue single up the middle. Gue robbed the Dragons' second and third base, putting her one stolen base away from matching assistant coach Amanda Williams' career record of 88. Two runs were walked in, and the third run was taken on a wild pitch.

Williamson had a total of 18 strikeouts between both games. Gue ended the day hitting .500 (3-for-6) and Valle had three total RBI's.

The Herd will take on Drexel at 11:00 a.m. and UNCG at 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 25.



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Senior outfielder Ashley Gue went 3 of 6 in Sunday's pair of games.

Baseball falls to Charlotte, Remains at .500 record

By CAITIE SMITH
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Despite leading twice in the contest, the Marshall University baseball team fell to future Conference USA rival, Charlotte, Monday by a score of 7-3.

A string of errors would be the Herd's demise, as the team committed two in the third inning, two in the sixth inning and one each in the seventh and eighth innings. All but one of the 49ers runs were scored off of these errors.

Freshman Michael Taylor got the nod for Monday's matchup, working two and two thirds innings and allowed three runs — two were unearned.

Four relievers saw action after Taylor.

Sophomore redshirt Kolin Stanley faced three batters and gave up a run, and junior Ryan Hopkins allowed three runs in one and two-thirds innings.

Freshman Brandyn Sittinger threw two shutout innings for the Herd. The Ohio native did not allow a hit or a walk during his stint on the mound.

Junior Josh King only allowed one hit during one and one third innings of pitching. King led the team in earned run average last season and did not give up a run Monday.

The Herd started things off with a run in the first inning, as speedster Isaac Ballou led off with a single, reached second on a throwing error and scored on

a two-out single from designated hitter Alfredo Brito. Brito has four RBI on the season.

The second run came from outfielder Chase Vogelbach, who reached on a base hit and was hit in by second baseman Andrew Dundon.

Dundon had his third double in as many games and finished the day 2-3. The sophomore is hitting .333 this season.

Marshall is now tied at three wins and three losses on the year.

The Herd will be back on the diamond Friday in Spartanburg, N.C., for games against USC-Upstate and Wofford.

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49er's appear close to dealing Alex Smith

By MATTHEW BARROWS
THE SACRAMENTO BEE (MCT)

Alex Smith appears closer to leaving the 49ers next month after reports this week linked him to the spot where many former San Francisco quarterbacks seem to end up - Kansas City.

League sources said Monday the 49ers are not locked into a deal but that team officials have told others at the scouting combine in Indianapolis that they are confident a trade will be made and that they plan to have 15 picks in the April draft.

They have 11 selections with three more expected next month as compensation for losing free agents a year ago. The 15th pick ostensibly would come in a deal for Smith.

No trades can be finalized until the league calendar begins March 12, and the 49ers will keep the trade window open until that point. Three days after that, however, the 49ers will owe Smith a \$1 million roster bonus. If he remains on the roster on April 1, they will owe him his full \$8.5 million salary.

Joe Montana and Steve Bono both went to Kansas City after playing for the 49ers, and former 49ers quarterbacks Steve DeBerg and Elvis Grbac also had stints with the Chiefs.

Kansas City makes sense for Smith, especially after new general manager John Dorsey said in Indianapolis that he didn't think there were any first round-caliber quarterbacks in the draft. The Chiefs have the No. 1 pick, and their two starting quarterbacks in 2012 - Matt Cassel and Brady



Quinn - combined for just two wins and a 63.9 passer rating. Smith has made it clear he wants a chance at a starting job.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid also may have had his eye on Smith dating back to last year. ESPN's Trent Dilfer, a former teammate of Smith's, told The Chronicle last month that Reid was interested in Smith when Smith was a free agent in 2012 and Reid was coaching the Eagles.

Smith was one of the league's top quarterbacks before he suffered a concussion Nov. 11.

He led the 49ers to a 6-2 record, completed 70 percent of his pass attempts - better than any full-time starter in 2012 - and had a 104.1 passer rating. His last attempt before the concussion was a touchdown to Michael Crabtree, and in his last full game he completed 18 of 19 passes and threw three touchdowns in a 24-3 win over the Cardinals.

A week after the concussion, Smith watched as Colin Kaepernick lead the 49ers in a rout over the Bears. Smith never regained his starting job.

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Herd track and field finish C-USA Championships strong

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Three Marshall student-athletes finished in the top 10 of the triple jump to highlight the Herd's performance Sunday on the final day of competition at the 2013 Indoor Track and Field Championships at the Birmingham CrossPlex.

As a team, the Herd finished with 26.5 points, with 18.5 of those coming on Sunday. The 26.5 points is an increase of 7.5 over last year's total for the program.

Jasja Richardson recorded eight points when she jumped 12.55 meters for the

second-best total of the day. Crystal Walker came in fifth and got four points for her 12.28 meter jump. Loren Dyer's jump of 11.59 meters placed her 10th.

Amber Pierson finished fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 56.07 to garner four more points for the Herd. Her time was just .05 seconds off the school record in the event.

Vanessa Jules scored a point and a half for the Herd when she tied for seventh overall with a 1.68 meter high jump.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Shanice

Johnson, Dyer, Pierson and Hadassah Lynch scored a point with its eighth-place finish in a school-record 3:47.26.

Amanda Hottenstein placed 10th in the shot put with a 13.50 meter distance, followed by Bethany Drury in 20th at 11.72 meters and Elaine Derricott in 22nd at 11.07 meters.

Paige Govey and Alexandria Phares competed in the mile run with Govey placing 19th in a time of 5:12.64, which was a personal best by seven seconds, and Phares finishing 25th in 5:27.69.

Legislator seeks attorney general probe of NCAA investigation into Miami

By MICHEAL CASAGRANDE
SUN SENTINEL (MCT)

The University of Miami's clash with the NCAA is getting political.

State Sen. Joseph Abruzzo, D-Wellington, is requesting a full attorney general investigation into the NCAA's "corrupt" probe of Miami athletics. Officials in Attorney General Pam Bondi's office confirmed they were reviewing the request after receiving Abruzzo's sharp-toned letter Thursday.

Copying U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Abruzzo took several swings at the NCAA and former Miami booster turned whistle blower Nevin Shapiro.

"NCAA Enforcement Staff violated its own rules and engaged in corrupt behavior in an attempt to manufacture misdeeds against the University of Miami," the letter reads. "In doing so, the NCAA has demonstrated a lack of institutional control and may have engaged in unfair trade practices in violation of Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act."

The NCAA reportedly used similar

language in the official notice of allegations delivered to Miami on Tuesday. The school was charged with the serious "lack of institutional control," resulting from the alleged decade-long run of improper conduct involving former booster Nevin Shapiro.

Abruzzo doesn't appear to have strong ties to the University of Miami. He graduated from Lynn University in 2003, according to his webpage. He was elected to the senate last November after four years in the House of Representatives. He's the vice chairman of the Commerce and Tourism Committee as well as the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee.

Bondi, a graduate of the University of Florida and Stetson law school, is reviewing the matter, a spokesperson confirmed. The letter, dated Wednesday, arrived in Bondi's office Thursday.

Messages seeking comment from Abruzzo were not immediately returned Thursday evening.

In his letter, Abruzzo continued to slam

the NCAA for the its improper handling of evidence gathering. As much of 20 percent of the case against Miami was thrown out after the NCAA learned of its origin. Enforcement staff members worked with the bankruptcy attorney representing Shapiro to ask NCAA-related questions to witnesses under oath. The NCAA has no subpoena power.

"Among other acts of wrongdoing, the NCAA was so desperate to gather evidence against the University of Miami that it made improper payments to a convicted con artist and his lawyer for information it was not allowed to obtain," Abruzzo wrote.

Shapiro is currently serving a 20-year sentence for his involvement in a \$930 million Ponzi scheme.

Abruzzo now wants justice for the collegiate athletics governing body.

"The NCAA's admittedly corrupt investigation has now dragged on for more than two years, and the University of Miami has

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Column

Dating violence, a college problem

By JOSCELYN GIBSON
COLUMNIST

Though it is nearing an end, February holds an important dual-role of being not only the month to celebrate healthy consensual relationships but also the month to bring awareness to teen dating violence.

Dating violence is an issue that should concern college women. We should see dating violence for what it is — a precursor to domestic abuse. The U.S. Department of Justice reported that 1,181 women were murdered by their intimate partner in 2005. We need to stop the violence early before it gets that far.

Dating violence tends to be thought of as a lesser form of abuse since it tends to take the form of emotional or verbal abuse, although it can include physical abuse as well.

However, people need to realize that emotional and verbal abuse can be just as bad as physical abuse, and may actually work better at controlling the victims because it causes the opinions of the abusers to be internalized by the victims.

The internalization of abuse quickly leads to low self-esteem and feelings of unworthiness, which is exactly what the abusers want. That is how they keep the victims from leaving them.

Dating violence often begins as less severe actions such as name-calling and mockery, but that can soon escalate into full-blown physical violence.

The best action we can take is to know the signs of dating abuse so that we may recognize them in our relationships or in our friends' relationships.

The National Center for Victims of Crime reported that one in three teenagers has experienced violence in a dating relationship. This violence tends to go unnoticed because

teens are less likely to talk about the problem or report it to an authority.

To cite one tragic incident, Sept. 30, 2011 at South East High School in Los Angeles, 17-year old high school senior Cindi Santana was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend, 18-year old Abraham Lopez, during their lunch break on school campus.

Another reason why it is important to address this issue in college is because it could offer the perfect opportunity for a change, as many of the abusive dating situations found in college have carried over from a controlling high school relationship.

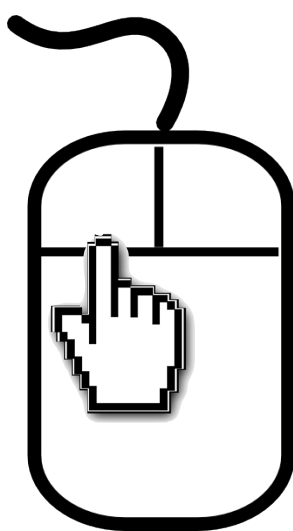
Women in college should also be aware of the prevalence of drug-facilitated sexual assault, often referred to as "date-rape drugs." Students in college are particularly susceptible to this type of assault because it is often done at parties with many college students present.

Other forms of dating violence, often referred to as relationship rape, include forced abortions and forbiddance to use birth control. Stalking is also a huge problem in dating violence, especially among young adults. People age 18 and 19 experience the highest rates of stalking according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Additionally, stalkers can monitor and harass their victims with the greatest of ease on any one of many social networking sites.

As college women, we need to educate ourselves on the dangers of dating violence so that we may avoid becoming victims and so that we might be able to help anyone else who may find themselves a victim. Recognizing the problem could be the key to prevention.

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Apology does not make "The Onion" gender slur OK

The 85th annual Academy Awards were Sunday and the night sparked more controversy than from just jokes made by host Seth Macfarlane.

Near the end of the evening, satirical news website "The Onion" took to Twitter to make a joke about 9-year-old "Beasts of the Southern Wild" star Quvenzhané Wallis who lost the "best actress" award to "Silver Linings Playbook" star, Jennifer Lawrence.

"The Onion" did something many were likely waiting for — they crossed a line that never should have been drawn.

The popular satire news source tweeted referring to Wallis as a derogatory term, generally never used in everyday speech, and really, should not

be used ever, as it is one of the most offensive gender slurs in the English language.

The offensive term was used by "The Onion" as a joke — as all of their content is — but this time deserved an apology — but sometimes an apology will not heal all the damage.

There is absolutely no reason why whoever wrote that tweet should find the subject matter funny. Every day, females of all ages are disrespected, and the fact that this was a child is no different.

Would you go up to someone's innocent daughter on the street, who did nothing to you and call her such a term? Even as a joke? Let us hope not.

This situation has also brought into account child stars such as Dakota Fanning and Abigail Breslin and how they never dealt with such insults as young stars in the spotlight. Perhaps it is a race issue? Or maybe just a sign of the times where incidents like this are more public than they used to be.

The tweet was deleted an hour after it was made public and an apology was issued Monday morning, but that still does not make it okay. Let us hope the employee, who decided tweeting such a thing was a good idea, is no longer working for "The Onion," and they will learn from this mistake and be more careful about what they post in the future.



Column

'Just Friends' and other lies

By GINA BARRECA
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You put away the Valentine's candy and put on the Valentine's pounds. Now it's time to face The Six Truths About Relationships That Nobody Ever Admits:

1. When you enter your next relationship, you become the person you split up with. Were you the parsimonious one, always pinching pennies and putting quarters in meters? Were you low on tips and tight on taxi fares? In your next relationship, you'll be giving 20s to the maitre d' and springing for indoor parking at the airport.

Were you the tidy one, always doing the dishes? Your next squeeze will keep the kitchen clean enough for neurosurgery and you'll be accused of leaving too many coffee cups unwashed.

Did you have to beg for affection, only to be told your significant other needed space? Just watch: You'll be the one craning your neck for a gulp of fresh air when the hugs are too frequent and fervid in this next situation.

2. One partner secretly believes the other is in control and wields most of the power. "I can't go anywhere without her knowing where I am and what I'm doing," he sighs. "He gets antsy if I spend too much time away from home and gets weirdly passive aggressive," she moans.

Together, as if in Broadway duet, they sing "We always see your friends! Your family is the one who we have to work so hard to please that we never have any fun with them! You make it so hard when we do what I want to do that we always end up doing what you want to do, even when it seems like we're doing what I want!"

3. It is not the "exactly the same" to be friends with people you had regular (or, even more strikingly, irregular) sex with as it is to be friends with people about whom you never have an erotic thought.

For example, erstwhile lovers tend to complicate conversations (or Facebook messages) with tiny smoke signals arising from their burned bridges. The "what-ifs," and "if-onlys," and "who-knows?" can appear

like contrails, apparently out of the blue but actually evidence of a longer journey, above the heads and outside the horizon of the ordinary onlooker. Wistful is attractive in books but in life, not so much.

4. If you have conversations about how you are, in fact only "just friends," you are not "just friends." Friends don't have these conversations. I've had friends since junior high; we've talked a couple of times a week for 40 years. Never have any of us felt a need to pronounce ourselves "just friends." It's not a topic for anybody except people who have the hots for each other.

Don't kid yourself. Think about it: When dealing with your dentist, do you feel a need to announce, "You understand that we have good working relationship but that it doesn't go any further?" Probably not. The phrase is shocking enough that you naturally avoid saying it to an individual holding a live drill in your mouth. If that is indeed the case, and I maintain it is, why isn't it shocking enough to avoid saying to anybody with whom you're not eager to

become intimately involved — or who isn't about to tell you to rinse and spit?

5. The French have a saying: "In every relationship, there is one who kisses and one who offers the cheek." One always loves more; in every pair, one is reaching to offer and one is deciding whether or not to accept.

Of course, the French also have tiny waists and that terrific custardy kind of quiche you simply can't find in America even at really good bakeries, so I'm not saying everything applies entirely to our culture. But I bet you'll agree that when gauging the romantic relationships of others, from short-term dalliances to long-term marriages (always hoping these do not exist simultaneously), it's easy to see who's the kisser and who's the kissee. Only in one's own relationship do things become foggy and are phrases such as "We're absolutely balanced" or "We trade off; sometimes it's me, sometimes it's him" employed in all earnestness.

6. Love is a lot of trouble. But it's worth it.

White House spells out impact automatic budget cuts would have on U.S.

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY and CHRISTI PARSONS
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Planes delayed. Teachers laid off. And, now, more illegal immigrants slipping past the Border Patrol.

The White House on Monday added to its list of dire consequences that would come from Friday's automatic federal budget cuts, part of a campaign to ignite public outcry.

For days, President Barack Obama and his aides have been turning up the volume about the impact of the across-the-board cuts, seeking to gain leverage over Republicans in Washington's latest fiscal fight.

On Monday, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano predicted longer lines at U.S. border crossings and a more porous border. "Between the ports of entry, if you reduce the number of Border Patrol agents, I think you can say, yes, it does affect our ability to keep out illegal migrants and others trying to enter the country," Napolitano told reporters at the White House.

The warnings came as the White House distributed a state-by-state analysis of the impact to governors in Washington for their annual meeting. On Tuesday, Obama will travel to Newport News, Va., a ship-building hub already feeling an economic impact as the Pentagon delays work on an aircraft carrier.

As he has in past battles with Republicans in Congress, the president hopes public pressure will push his GOP opponents to compromise. In fights over tax rates, payroll taxes and student loans, Obama has succeeded in using that pressure and his

bully pulpit to force Republicans to bend.

In the latest standoff, in which automatic cuts would gradually curb federal services, Obama is having to work harder to alert the public to the problem, mindful that his bet could backfire. If the budget ax falls and nobody notices, Republicans may have made their case for reducing federal spending.

Republicans, meanwhile, have adopted the strategy of blaming the administration for making the wrong cuts.

After meeting with Obama, some Republican governors questioned whether the president is engaging in scare tactics. "It's time for the president to show leadership," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said. "Enough's enough. There is room to make the cuts without jeopardizing critical services."

Congressional Republicans complained Monday that the cuts should target wasteful or duplicative programs _ or follow their proposals to trim domestic programs, including school lunches and food stamps.

"There is a smarter and better way to go about trying to achieve the reductions in spending," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va. "So the president really ought to stop campaigning and come back to the table and work with us."

But Obama, as he addressed the governors at the White House, suggested that lawmakers are responsible. "These cuts do not have to happen," he said. "Congress can turn them off any time with just a little bit of compromise."

After that meeting, White House officials briefed reporters on specific cuts that would hit the states, a list that includes

furloughs among civilians working for the National Guard. The report projected school districts would have to lay off teachers and Head Start would have to trim rolls. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood spent the weekend warning travelers to expect flight delays as air traffic controllers are furloughed.

Obama mentions little about the origins of the much-hated federal belt-tightening. Both he and Congress approved the blunt, automatic reductions in 2011, hoping lawmakers would decide to compromise on a wide-ranging deficit-reduction package to avoid the cuts.

Instead, Republicans and Democrats remain locked in a standoff. Obama and his Democratic allies are demanding that any budget deal include new tax revenue from the wealthy and corporations. Having already raised tax rates on top earners earlier this year, Republicans have refused.

There are no signs of deal-making. Obama phoned congressional Republican leaders last week. House Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., met almost two weeks ago.

Later this week, the Senate will consider alternative plans from both parties, but they are messaging tools, not solutions. A Democratic proposal would require those earning more than \$1 million a year pay a minimum 30 percent tax rate. Republicans would cut the federal workforce by making one new hire for every three vacancies.

Neither is expected to overcome the 60-vote threshold to pass.



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President Barack Obama speaks to the National Governors Association in the State Dining room of the White House in Washington, D.C., Monday.

Syrian opposition won't boycott London meeting

By JANET STOBART and PAUL RICHTER
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Syrian opposition members reversed their decision to boycott a meeting in Rome on Thursday with U.S. Secretary of State John F. Kerry and other world leaders, averting a potential embarrassment for Kerry on his first overseas trip as top U.S. diplomat.

Also Monday, Syria's foreign minister said in Moscow that his government is prepared to talk with the opposition, including armed rebels.

Walid Bunni, a spokesman for the Syrian Opposition Council, told Al Arabiya television on Monday that the members of the umbrella group had changed their minds about boycotting the so-called Friends of Syria meeting, after promises from U.S. and allied figures that they will increase aid to the rebels. Bunni said the rebels will go to Rome "and we will see if the promises are different this time."

Some members of the opposition group believed they should not give their tacit blessing to the meeting

when world powers had consistently failed to do enough to end their two-year fight against the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The rebels have been especially bitter that the West has not provided them the heavier weapons that they believe they need to break a military standoff with the regime.

In Moscow, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Moallem offered what appeared to be the strongest signal to date that Syrian authorities were willing to sit down with representatives of the opposition.

"We are ready for dialogue with anyone who wants dialogue, including those who are fighting with arms in their hands, because we are confident that reforms cannot be carried out through bloodshed, but through dialogue," Moallem said before meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Russia's RT network reported.

Assad had previously indicated that his government would not talk to "terrorists," as he and his representatives refer to the rebels and their backers.

It was not clear whether Syria would insist that the insurgents put down their weapons before any talks are held. Russia and the Arab League are trying to broker talks in a bid to help end the Syrian conflict.

The opposition will come to Rome in hopes of obtaining more weapons that could allow the rebel forces to overpower the Assad regime, which so far has stood its ground in much of the country.

Kerry sent Robert Ford, the top U.S. diplomat on Syria, to Cairo to try to persuade the opposition leaders to attend the Rome meeting, and had personally called Khatib to urge him to attend the meeting. On Monday in London, his first stop of a nine-day trip to Europe and the Middle East, Kerry had signaled that the Obama administration intended to sharply increase its aid to the rebels, despite its wariness to be drawn further into the conflict.

"We are determined that the Syrian opposition is not going to be dangling in the wind, wondering where the support is, if it's coming,"

Kerry said at a news conference with British Foreign Secretary William Hague. "This moment is ripe for us to be considering what more we can do."

He said President Barack Obama has been trying to figure out how to change the "calculations on the ground" of Assad, who has been unwilling to surrender power or negotiate with the rebels.

Hague, too, promised a sharp increase in aid.

"An appalling injustice is being done to the people of Syria, which the world cannot ignore," he said. "That is why in the United Kingdom, we believe we must significantly increase our support for the Syrian opposition, on top of our large contributions to the humanitarian relief effort, and we are preparing to do just that."

Kerry and Hague were not specific on what shape the new aid would take.

There has been growing pressure on Washington to arm to the rebels, and some U.S. officials have signaled that the White House might at some point agree to do so. Obama firmly rejected the idea last year.

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suffered through this abuse of power," he wrote. "While the NCAA has been paying off a criminal and his lawyer for forbidden fruit, the University of Miami has tried to work cooperatively with the NCAA and has even self-imposed serious sanctions that included a two-year bowl ban and a conference football championship game.

"I strongly feel that the NCAA's abuse of power and

payoffs must be scrutinized to the fullest extent, especially considering the NCAA's role as a regulatory institution of more than 400,000 students across the nation. Thank you for your consideration."

Miami president Donna Shalala is asking the NCAA to punish the school no further since it has already sat out the last two football postseasons. She said the Hurricanes "have suffered enough," in a long statement released after receiving the notice of allegations Tuesday.

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The 49ers have been mum about their plans for Smith, but on Friday Jim Harbaugh said for the first time that a trade is possible. He said the team also could retain Smith as a high-priced backup behind Kaepernick.

"Alex is an excellent football player," Harbaugh said. "Alex is playing the best football of his career the last two years. We think we have the best

quarterback situation in the National Football League. (I) feel strongly about that."

Holding onto Smith, however, seems unlikely considering the 49ers have two valuable players, safety Dashon Golson and tight end Delanie Walker, scheduled to become free agents on March 12.

Goldson wants to be among the highest-paid safeties in the league and Walker will expect to be paid like a starting tight end.

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"These sites are sanctuaries for these people," Chapman said. "They're about finding a new community of people who understand them."

For a decade, people have tried to shut these sites down, yet they still reappear. Chapman discussed what can be learned about eating disorders from these websites since they are not going away. It provides information on how people can

help individuals suffering from EDs.

"It may be framed in a negative way," Chapman said. "But that doesn't mean there aren't things to be learned from them."

Chapman discussed the point McElfish made on control being a large factor in many cases of eating disorders in women today.

"It all comes down to feelings of control," Chapman said. "This seems like the only way they can manage their life because

of whatever else is going on for them."

Heather Sprouse, a sociology graduate student, came to the presentation with an interest on how the topics would be discussed in an academic setting.

Sprouse said only three people in the room raised their hand at the beginning of the presentation even though there were almost 40 people in attendance.

"It increases awareness, which I think is helpful," Sprouse said. "Because maybe

some of the women here have friends suffering with these issues and can now go out with a better understanding of how to help them."

The Women's Center will sponsor another event in light of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. Chapman will discuss "The War on Obesity: More Harm than Good?" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 2WCC in the MSC.

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Some analysts expect the cardinals then to decide to open their conclave about March 10 so that they can try to agree on a successor to Benedict within a week and have the new pope installed

March 17. (Papal installations traditionally take place on Sundays.) That would allow the next pontiff to lead celebrations beginning on Palm Sunday, March 24, and culminating on Easter a week later.

The rule change is one of Benedict's final acts as pope.

A Vatican spokesman also said Monday that Benedict would leave secret a much-sSpeculated-about report on the inner workings of the Vatican, which will be given to his successor to read but not to the cardinals.

The report was commissioned by Benedict in the wake

of the scandal over documents leaked by his personal butler, which showed infighting and corruption in the Vatican's upper echelons. Italian media have issued reports purporting to reveal the contents of the top-secret dossier, but the Vatican has dismissed the accounts as baseless.

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CASEY MCDONOUGH

By CODI MOHR
THE PARTHENON

Professional artists will present and display their work in ceramics and mixed media at a joint exhibition at Marshall University’s Birke Art Gallery starting Tuesday.

The exhibition, entitled “Connection: Formation through Disconnect,” features the works of Darien Johnson and Casey McDonough.

Johnson, currently a professor of ceramics at Buffalo State College in Buffalo, N.Y., has been featured in exhibitions in California, Minnesota, Kentucky and other states across the country.

McDonough, who holds a degree in marine biology and art from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., is known for the numerous lectures he has given at national institutions including Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., Hunter College in New

York, and the 45th Annual Conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts in Tampa, Fla.

Jaye Ike, special projects coordinator for the College of Fine Arts, commented on the experience each artist creates.

“Both artists use the medium of ceramics as a point of departure to investigate questions relating to information and the documentation of experience,” Ike said in a press release. “McDonough creates expansive installations that fill space to varying degrees of density while Johnson makes very inclusive work, distilling an intense amount of information into a single object.”

The presentation will also feature a site-specific ceramic installation created by McDonough and Marshall art students during the previous week.

The artists utilize the two-dimensional elements of their

work to supplement three-dimensional installations of mixed media, Frederick Bartolovic, assistant professor of ceramics at Marshall, said.

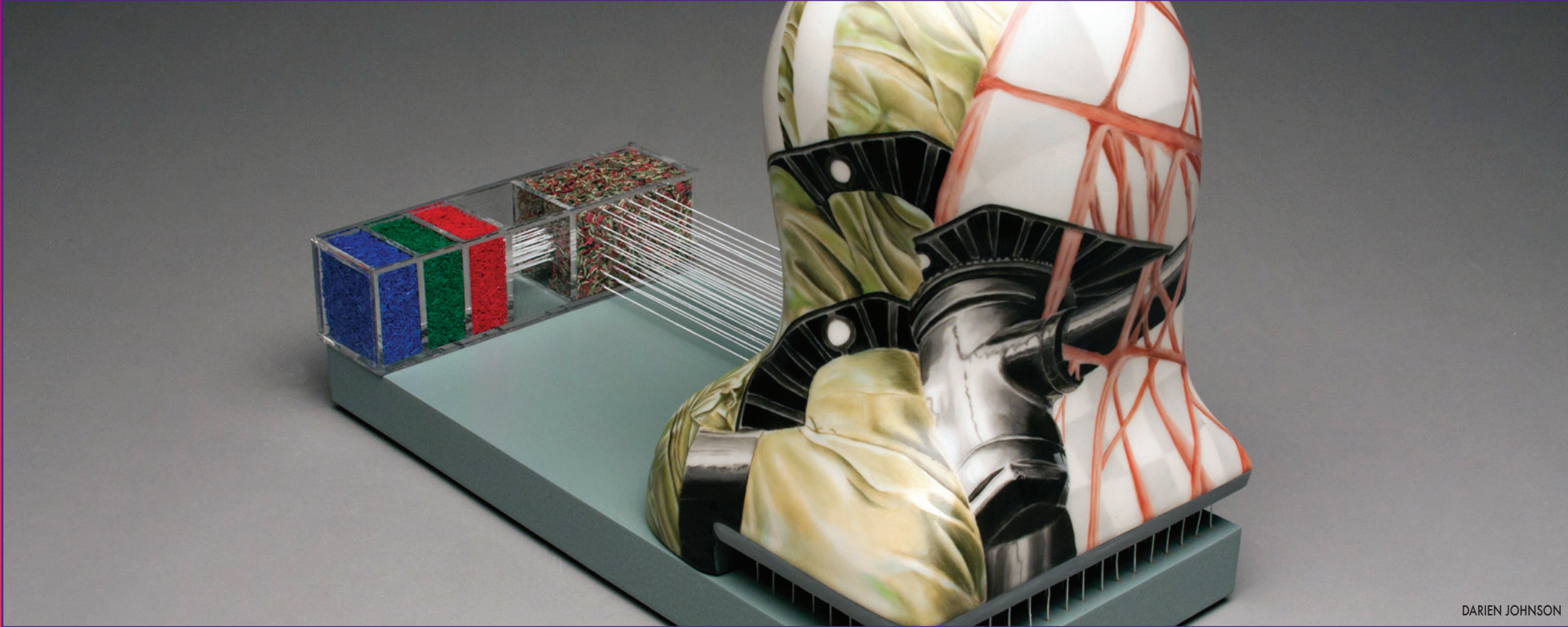
“The work of these ceramists is uniquely accessible to people interested in all different media,” Bartolovic said in a press release.

The exhibition opens Tuesday with a reception at 5 p.m. and McDonough will lead a discussion of art, education and experiences.

A closing discussion by Johnson will take place on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. following a reception at 5:30 p.m.

The Birke Art Gallery is located on the first floor of Smith Hall and is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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DARIEN JOHNSON

Career Services plans proper etiquette opportunity for students

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THE PARTHENON

Many students worry about presenting themselves in a job interview, but few worry about other important elements of presentation, such as manners.

The Marshall University Career Services department is giving students the opportunity to learn proper etiquette manners Wednesday with the Spring Etiquette Dinner.

The dinner is a part of Career Services’ professional development programs that are designed to give juniors and seniors final polishing for interviews for their first job opportunities.

Denise Hogsett, director of Career Services, said students are often given a second interview over lunch or dinner and that the etiquette dinner helps them learn proper etiquette to have during an interview where food is being served.

“Students will learn to navigate all the forks and spoons and glasses, know where the

napkin goes, how and when to pass the bread and know who takes the lead,” Hogsett said. “Overall, this just gives them an opportunity to feel more comfortable when interviewing in this type of scenario.”

Debby Stoler, assistant director of development and outreach in Career Services, said this helps students feel more confident while having a lunch or dinner interview.

“Often times, students are uneasy about how to act professionally during this type of interview and we want them to be able to be confident, prepared and comfortable going into a similar job interview,” Stoler said.

Terri Thompson, etiquette consultant for Etiquette in Action in Paris, Ky., will attend the event to help and teach students proper etiquette techniques.

Thompson specializes in helping college students prepare for proper etiquette in an interview setting and has traveled all over the country to many different schools to teach professional development programs.

Thompson has been a feature in the Spring Etiquette Dinner with Marshall for five years.

“She is great at focusing on the college professionals, including law schools and professional schools,” Hogsett said. “She loves the college population and getting the opportunity to teach students proper etiquette.”

There are already 45 students registered to attend the etiquette dinner.

Hogsett said she plans to have about 50 or 60 registered before the Tuesday deadline.

The dinner will include a four-course meal including soup, salad, entrée and dessert. Students are expected to dress in professional attire.

Tickets can be purchased at the Career Services Center and will be refunded upon attendance to the dinner.

Marshall’s Lewis College of Business 200 class requires students to attend the dinner as a part of their professional development course.

“There are also other professors who are offering this dinner as an extra credit opportunity for their students,” Hogsett said. “Which is great, because students get to advance in their classes as well as learn a professional development skill for their future also.”

Hogsett said that after the event, students take away the fact that the university cares about their future.

“These type of programs are very informational to them, including learning how to dress, how to communicate with others and what a professional mock interview session is like,” Hogsett said. “I just think these professional development opportunities help students feel more comfortable and confident in similar settings.”

The dinner will be in Room BE5 in the Memorial Student Center and will start at 6:30 p.m.

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